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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, PK
SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 31ST REGULAR
SESSION UNGA

REFERENCE: STATE 180074

1. MFA ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL (UN AFFAIRS) MUNIR AKRAM HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOP HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON COMPOSITION OF PAKDEL TO UNGA. HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT, FOLLOWING RECENT PRACTICE, DELEGATION TO GENERAL DEBATE WILL BE LED ONCE AGAIN BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED. AKRAM HIMSELF WILL PROBABLY BE MEMBER OF DELEGATION AS WILL BE ASSORTED DOMESTIC POLITICAL LUMINARIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL MNAS AND SENATORS, WHO USUALLY ATTEND GA OPENING.

2. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO PLANS TO ATTEND OPENING SESSION. HE HAS NOT DONE SO SINCE ASSUMING PRIME MINISTERSHIP, ALTHOUGH HE DID ADDRESS GA MEETING DURING HIS VISIT TO THE STATES IN 1973. IF BHUTTO DECIDES TO BREAK PRECEDENT AND ATTEND OPENING SESSION, THIS WOULD BE AUSPICIOUS YEAR TO DO SO. HIS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION BUOYED BY THE MOVES TOWARD NORMALIZATION ON THE SUBCONTINENT, THE PROSPECT OF A PAKISTANI GENERAL ELECTION ON THE HORIZON, AND THE OPPORT-
UNITY TO USE THE GA TO PRESS HIS CALL FOR A THIRD WORLD SUMMIT, WOULD ALL INCREASE THE ATTRACTIVE-
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NESS OF HIS ATTENDING. WE HAVE HAD, HOWEVER, NO WORD

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FROM THE GOP THAT THIS IS BEING CONTEMPLATED. IF BHUTTO DOES ATTEND, WE ARE CERTAIN HE WOULD REQUEST A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

3. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS GOP PLANS FOR GA ATTENDANCE BECOME FIRM.
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